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DATE: December 18, 1974

FROM : Chairman, U.S. Working Group
US/USSR S&T Agreement

SUBJECT: Comments by the Intelligence Group on
Exchanges per Your Memorandum of
November 25, 1974

Your memorandum referenced above, submitted comments from the U.S. Army Foreign Science and Technology Center (FSTC) concerning the Microbiology Working Group.

With a background of seven years' service at Ft. Detrick originating and heading up research on the rapid biological detection and identification of BW agents, I am only too well aware of aspects of this cooperative program which could have an impact on Soviet capability in the BW field. I am sure the members of the FSTC are as well aware as I that much in the way of microbiological research could be applicable to biological warfare operations. In recognition of this the U.S. Working Group is endeavoring, in the development of the joint program, to minimize in every conceivable way any relevance to BW applications. Though potential for such application does exist, I believe it does not outweigh the possible benefits which could accrue to the U.S. from the cooperative activity.

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